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**Amendments to the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:**

A method and apparatus for representing an XML data structure as a fixed set of tables in a relational database involves grouping at least one XML node and possibly any sub-node into a relationship, generating a fixed sized table for the grouping, possibly repeating groupings and generating tables, and creating references to any repeated groupings and tables until the XML data structure is completed. ~~database mapping of objects into a relational database using a fixed set of tables have been described.~~